GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:364
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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR REPAIR OF DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several irrigation dams are on the verge of collapse and there is urgent need to repair them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the funds provided by the World Bank for the repair of dams has so far not been released to the States; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the details of the strategy chalked out by the Government for repairing of the said dams?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.364 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.9.2007 REGARDING WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR REPAIR OF DAMS

(a) to (d) There are no specific reports from any of the State Governments about any dam being on the verge of collapse. However, some of the dams are relatively old and necessary actions for review of safety of existing dams and initiating appropriate measures in respect of dams in distress are taken by the respective State Governments.

Realizing the importance of measures for safety of dams, the `Dam Safety Assurance and Rehabilitation Project(DSARP)` was implemented with World Bank assistance during 1991-99 in which States of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu participated. At present, no World Bank assisted project for `Repair of Dam` is under implementation. However, based on the proposals received from Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal, the `Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project(DRIP)` has been posed for World Bank assistance.